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SUBJECT: DIMINISHED CONCERN IN NORWAY ABOUT THE IEA

1. STARTING DEBATE OF A GON WHITE PAPER PROPOSING NORWEGIAN
ADHERENCE TO THE IEA'S REDUCED OIL IMPORT DEPENDENCE OBJECTIVES
TOOK PLACE ON MAY 23. DISCUSSION WAS ROUTINE AND UNDRAMATIC.
THE VOTE ON CONTINUING NORWEGIAN ASSOCIATION WITH THE IEA
(IN WHICH ACCESSION TO LAST OCTOBER'S DECLARATION WAS SUB-
SUMMED) WAS 109 TO 14.

2. THE MFA WILL NOW DECIDE WHETHER TO ANNOUNCE NORWEGIAN
ACCESSION AT THE NEXT REGULAR SESSION OF THE GOVERNING BOARD
OR SEND A LETTER TO DIRECTOR GENERAL VAN LENNEP; THEY ANTICI-
PATE NO FURTHER DELAYS IN ANY EVENT.

3. COMMENT: THE IEA APPEARS TO HAVE MOVED TO A BACK BURNER
AS A POLITICAL ISSUE IN NORWAY. YESTERDAY'S VOTE SAW
THE LABOR AND CONSERVATIVE PARTIES UNITED IN FAVOR OF CONTINUING
PARTICIPATION ON THE PRESENT BASIS. THE LABOR PARTY LEFT WING (AUF)

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ABSENTED ITSELF FROM THE DEBATE AND VOTED NEITHER FOR NOR
AGAINST CONTINUED ASSOCIATION. HOWEVER, SPOKESMEN FOR THE
GROUP SAID PUBLICLY JUST BEFORE THE DEBATE THAT THE IEA SEEMED
NO LONGER AN IMPORTANT THREAT TO NORWAY AS NORWAY'S OIL RE-
SOURCES SEEM TO BE ADEQUATELY SAFEGUARDED. PRIVATELY THEY
ADMITTED AS WELL THAT FEARS THAT THE IEA WOULD BE BACK DOOR
TO NORWEGIAN ENTRY INTO THE EC ALSO NOW SEEMED NO LONGER

JUSTIFIED. THE CENTER PARTY (AGRARIAN), LIBERAL AND SOCIALIST
LEFT STORTING GROUPS VOTING AGAINST CONTINUED ASSOCIATION
HAD ABSENTEES ON THEIR SIDE AS WELL. IN THE CASE OF THE
CENTER PARTY THIS IS NOT SURPRISING; A RECENT POLL SHOWED
ONLY A MINORITY OF CENTER PARTY MEMBERS STILL OPPOSED TO
NORWAY'S IEA PARTICIPATION.
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